# Daily Digest

## Senate

#### Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3784–3792, and S. Res. 622–625.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 139, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information. (S. Rept. No. 111–290)

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#### Measures Passed:

Honoring the Oklahoma Army National Guard and Air National Guard: Senate agreed to S. Res. 624, honoring the members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard of the State of Oklahoma for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States since September 11, 2001.

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National Preparedness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 625, designating September 2010 as "National Preparedness Month". Page S7141

#### Measures Considered:

Small Business Lending Fund Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4594, in the nature of a substitute. Page \$7103

Reid (for Nelson (FL)) Modified Amendment No. 4595 (to Amendment No. 4594), to exempt certain amounts subject to other information reporting from the information reporting provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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Reid (for Johanns) Modified Amendment No. 4596 (to Amendment No. 4595), to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations.

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Reid Amendment No. 4597 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4594), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 4598 (to Amendment No. 4597), of a perfecting nature. Page \$7103

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2010, that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 10:45 a.m.; that upon the expiration of time, all pending amendments be withdrawn, except Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4594 (listed above), that for the duration of this agreement, no other amendments, motions or points of order be in order except as noted in this agreement; that the only motions in order be a Hatch motion to suspend the rules with respect to R&D, and a Grassley motion to suspend the rules with respect to biodiesel; with Senators Baucus, Hatch, and Grassley, or their designees, each controlling a total of 15 minutes; that the votes with respect to the motions to suspend occur in the order in which offered beginning at 10:45 a.m.; that after the first vote the succeeding vote be limited to 10 minutes each; and that prior to each vote, there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon disposition of the aforementioned motions; the substitute amendment be agreed to; and then the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, as amended; that if cloture is invoked on the bill, then all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; provided further, that the motions identified in this agreement be those which have been submitted at the desk when this agreement was en-

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carol Fulp, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixtyfifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Jeanne Shaheen, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Roger F. Wicker, of Mississippi, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Gregory J. Nickels, of Washington, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. Page S7142

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7142.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### NATIONAL ORGANIC LAW

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Organic Law at 20, focusing on sowing seeds for a bright future, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. Merrigan, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Regina Beidler, Beidler Family Farm, Randolph Center, Vermont; Will Harris, White Oak Pastures, Bluffton, Georgia; Michael Sligh, National Organic Coalition, Pittsboro, North Carolina; and Sarah Bird,

Annie's, Inc., Napa, California, on behalf of the Organic Trade Association.

#### **COVERED BONDS**

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine covered bonds, focusing on potential uses and regulatory issues, after receiving testimony from Representative Garrett; Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller, Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Michael H. Krimminger, Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Scott A. Stengel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth A. Snowden, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Ric Campo, Camden Property Trust, Houston, Texas, on behalf the National Multi Housing Council and the National Apartment Association.

#### NATIONAL RAIL POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the federal role in national rail policy, including S. 2889, to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Board, after receiving testimony from Senator Kohl; John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and Daniel R. Elliott III, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board.

#### MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine banking reform, focusing on capital increase proposals from multilateral development banks, after receiving testimony from Marisa Lago, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Markets and Development; Ian Solomon, United States Executive Director of the World Bank, Washington, D.C.; and Curtis S. Chin, United States Executive Director to the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines.

#### **NUCLEAR TERRORISM**

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed open and closed hearings to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on strengthening our domestic defenses, after receiving testimony from Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary, Tara J. O'Toole, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Warren M. Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Robin E. Kane, Assistant Administrator for Security Technology, Transportation Security Administration, John P. Woods, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Investigations Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Todd C. Owen, Executive Director of Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations,

Customs and Border Protection, Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas, Director of Response Policy, Coast Guard, and Melissa Smislova, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Analysis, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

### PROHIBITING OBSCENE ANIMAL CRUSH VIDEOS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prohibiting obscene animal crush videos in the wake of *United States v. Stevens*, after receiving testimony from Nancy Perry, The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Volkan, California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan L. Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Dodd, Amy Totenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, James Emanuel Boasberg, and Amy Berman

Jackson, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who were both introduced by Representative Norton, and James E. Shadid, who was introduced by Representative Schock, and Sue E. Myerscough, both to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, who were both introduced by Senator Durbin.

#### IMPEACHMENT TRIAL: PORTEOUS

Impeachment Trial Committee (Porteous): Committee continued open and closed hearings to examine the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., after receiving testimony from DeWayne Horner, Special Agent, and Bobby Hamil, former Agent, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Duncan W. Keir, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland; Charles Gardener Gay, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington; Rhonda Danos, Marrero, Louisiana; Claude Lightfoot, Jr., New Orleans, Louisiana; and Timothy A. Porteous, Kenner, Louisiana.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, September 16.

## House of Representatives

#### Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6126–6143; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 317; and H. Res. 1619, 1621–1626 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 1620, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4785) to amend the miscellaneous rural development provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to certain entities that will use the funds to make loans to consumers to implement energy efficiency measures involving structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce home energy use (H. Rept. 111–594).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Yarmuth to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Roderick Pearson, St. Mark Remnant Ministries, Central Islip, New York.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congressional Made in America Promise Act: H.R. 2039, amended, to clarify the applicability of the Buy American Act to products purchased for the use of the legislative branch and to prohibit the application of any of the exceptions to the requirements of such Act to products bearing a Congressional seal, by a ½3 yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 521; Pages H6690–91, H6721–22

Berry Amendment Extension Act: H.R. 3116, amended, to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from procuring certain items directly related to the national security unless the items are grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States;

Pages H6691–94

First Responder Anti-Terrorism Training Resources Act: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3978, to amend the Homeland Security Act of

2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and use gifts for otherwise authorized activities of the Center for Domestic Preparedness that are related to preparedness for a response to terrorism;

Pages H6694–96

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the passage of legislation that created real estate investment trusts (REITs): H. Res. 1595, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the passage of legislation that created real estate investment trusts (REITs) and gave millions of Americans new investment opportunities that helped them build a solid foundation for retirement security and has contributed to the overall strength of our economy;

Pages H6696–97

Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5873, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office", by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 522; Pages H6697–99, H6722

Federal Supply Schedules Usage Act: S. 2868, amended, to provide increased access to the General Services Administration's Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments;

Pages H6699–H6700

Expressing support for designation of the last week of September as National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week: H. Res. 1522, to express support for designation of the last week of September as National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week and the last Wednesday of September as National Previvor Day, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 523; Pages H6700-03, H6722-23

Overseas Contractor Reform Act: H.R. 5366, to require the proposal for debarment from contracting with the Federal Government of persons violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, by a ½3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 524; Pages H6703–34, H6723–24

Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2010: S. 3656, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to improve the reporting on sales of livestock and dairy products;

Pages H6706–07

Veterinarian Services Investment Act: H.R. 3519, amended, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to establish a grant program to promote efforts to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services;

Pages H6707–09

Providing funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities: H.R. 5282, amended, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities;

Pages H6713–14

Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 5651, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the "Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

Pages H6714-15

Frank Evans Government Printing Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5706, amended, to designate the facility of the Government Printing Office located at 31451 East United Avenue in Pueblo, Colorado, as the "Frank Evans Government Printing Office Building"; Pages H6715–16

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the building occupied by the Government Printing Office located at 31451 East United Avenue in Pueblo, Colorado, as the 'Frank Evans Government Printing Office Building'." Page H6716

Robert M. Ball Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 5773, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 6401 Security Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Robert M. Ball Federal Building";

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the Federal building located at 6401 Security Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland, commonly known as the Social Security Administration Operations Building, as the 'Robert M. Ball Federal Building'.".

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Observing the fifth anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Rita devastated the coasts of Louisiana and Texas and remembering those lost in the storm and in the process of evacuation, recovery, and rebuilding: H. Res. 1583, amended, to observe the fifth anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Rita devastated the coasts of Louisiana and Texas, to remember those lost in the storm and in the process of evacuation, recovery, and rebuilding; to salute the dedication of the volunteers who offered assistance in support of those affected by the storm, to recognize the progress of efforts to rebuild the affected Gulf Coast region, to commend the persistence of the people of the States of Louisiana and Texas following the second major hurricane to hit Louisiana that season, and to reaffirm Congress' commitment to restore and renew the Gulf Coast region;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Observing the fifth anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Rita devastated the coasts of Louisiana and Texas, and for other purposes.".

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Supporting backcountry airstrips and recreational aviation: H. Res. 1473, amended, to support backcountry airstrips and recreational aviation;

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Recognizing the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment: H. Res. 1375, amended, to recognize the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment;

Pages H6726-29

Permitting Members of Congress to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for naturalization: H.R. 4862, amended, to permit Members of Congress to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for naturalization; and Pages H6729-31

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that law enforcement service dogs and their handlers perform a vital role in providing for our Nation's security: H. Res. 1614, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that law enforcement service dogs and their handlers perform a vital role in providing for our Nation's security and should be recognized for their service. Pages H6731-33

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 14th:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001: H. Res. 1610, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 525. Pages H6724-25

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the support for and honoring September 17, 2010 as "Constitution Day": H. Res. 1612, to express the support for and to honor September 17, 2010 as "Constitution Day";

Pages H6704-06

Expressing condolences to and solidarity with the people of Pakistan in the aftermath of the devastating floods that began on July 22, 2010: H. Res. 1613, amended, to express condolences to and solidarity with the people of Pakistan in the aftermath of the devastating floods that began on July 22, 2010; and Pages H6709–13

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and Roy K. Moore Federal Building Designation Act: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3562, to designate the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and Roy K. Moore Federal Building".

Pages H6716–17

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:59 p.m. and reconvened at 4:03 p.m. **Page H6725** 

Discharge Petition: Representative Daniel E. Lungren presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Ways and Means from the consideration of H.R. 5141, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 13).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6721–22, H6722, H6723, H6723–24, H6724. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## Committee Meetings MEDICARE DURABLE EQUIPMENT BIDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare's Competitive Bidding Program for Durable Medical Equipment: Implications for Quality, Cost and Access." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Laurence Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Daniel Levinson, Inspector General; Kathleen King, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### PENDING HEALTH LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following public health measures: H.R. 211, Calling for 2–1–1 Act of 2009; H.R. 758, Pediatric Research Consortia Establishment Act; H.R. 1032, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment For Women Act; H.R. 1210, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2009; H.R. 1230, Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act of 2009; H.R. 1362, National MS and Parkinson's Disease Registries Act; H.R. 1995, Eliminating Disparities in Diabetes Prevention Access and Care Act of 2009; H.R. 2408, Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act; H.R. 2818, Methamphetamine Education,

Treatment, and Hope Act of 2009; H.R. 2941, To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers; H.R. 2999, Veterinary Public Health Workforce and Education Act; H.R. 5354, Gestational Diabetes Act of 2009; H.R. 5462, Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010; H.R. 5986, Neglected Infections of Impoverished Americans Act of 2010; H.R. 6012, To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review uptake and utilization of diabetes screening benefits and establish an outreach program with respect to such benefits; H.R. 6081, Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010; the Telehealth Improvement and Expansion Act of 2010; and the Health Data Collection Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Lawrence Tabak, M.D., Principal Deputy Director, NIH; Ileana Arias, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Marcia Brand, M.D., Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.

#### **FUTURE OF HOUSING FINANCE**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "The Future of Housing Finance: A Progress Update on the GSEs." Testimony was heard from Michael S. Barr, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

#### **EVOLVING NATURE OF TERRORISM**

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The Evolving Nature of Terrorism—Nine Years after the 9/11 Attacks." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1521, Cell Tax Fairness Act of 2009; H.R. 4677, as amended, Protecting Employees and Retirees in Business Bankruptcies Act of 2010; and H.R. 5043, Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2010.

#### DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney, Speier, Poe of Texas, and Smith of New Jersey; former Representa-

tive Linda Smith of Washington; Francey Hakes, National Coordinator for Child, Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the "Rural Energy Savings Program Act." The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture and by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments in part B except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Agriculture or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Holden, Butterfield, Cleaver, and Inglis.

## ENBRIDGE PIPELINE OIL SPILL IN MARSHALL, MICHIGAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Enbridge Pipeline Oil Spill in Marshall, Michigan. Testimony was heard from Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Lisa Jackson, Administrator,

EPA; Scott Masten, Senior Scientist, National Toxicology Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS MEASURES; PERSONALITY DISORDERS AND VA BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following: Draft Legislation to be introduced; H.R. 3685, To require the Secretary of Veterans affairs to include on the main page of the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet website and to publicize such Internet website; H.R. 5360, as amended, Blinded Veterans Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2010; H.R. 5630, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for qualifications for vocational rehabilitation counselors and vocational rehabilitation employment coordinators employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3787, as amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purpose of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 5993, as amended, SAVINGS Act of 2010.

The Committee also held a hearing on Personality Disorder Dischargers: Impact on Veterans' Benefits. Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lernes J, Hebert, Acting Director, Officer/Enlisted Personnel Management; and MG Gina S. Farrisee, USA, Director, Military Personnel Management, G–1, U.S. Army; Antonette Zeiss, Acting Director, Chief Patient Care Services, Officer for Mental Health, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; a representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

#### CHINA'S EXCHANGE RATE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on China's Exchange Rate Policy. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryan of Ohio, Smith of Nebraska, Boccieri and Jenkins; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### MINORITY POLITICS AND PRESSURES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission held a briefing on minority politics, minority pressures in the Obama Era, including successes and challenges to the inclusion and effective participation of racial and ethnic minorities in the political sphere, from Representative Barbara Lee; and Gay McDougall, United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues, New York, New York.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the promise of human embryonic stem cell research, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense and the Legislative Branch, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the current security situation on the Korean Peninsula; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Treasury Department's report on international economic and exchange rate policies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Reagan Washington National Airport and the Perimeter Rule, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 3 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3675, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, S. 3717, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide for certain disclosures

under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), S. 2888, to amend section 205 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics from the application of the general conflict of interest rules under such section, and the nominations of Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Beryl Alaine Howell, and Robert Leon Wilkins, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Edward Milton Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and Michael J. Moore, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, Michael Robert Bladel, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Iowa, Kenneth James Runde, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, James Edward Clark, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky, Joseph H. Hogsett, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Beverly Joyce Harvard, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the Deepwater drilling moratorium, focusing on a review of the Obama Administration's economic impact analysis on United States small businesses, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

Impeachment Trial Committee (Porteous): to continue hearings to examine the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., 8 a.m., SH-216.

#### House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 211, Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2009; H.R. 758, Pediatric Research Consortia Establishment Act; H.R. 1032, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment For Women Act; H.R. 1210, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2009; H.R. 1230, Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act of 2009; H.R. 1347, Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act of 2009; H.R. 1362, National MS and Parkinson's Disease Registries Act; H.R. 1995, Eliminating Disparities in Diabetes Prevention Access and Care Act of 2009; H.R. 2408, Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act; H.R. 2818, Methamphetamine Education, Treatment, and Hope Act of 2009; H.R. 2941, To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers; H.R. 2999, Veterinary Public Health Workforce and Education Act; H.R. 5354, Gestational Diabetes Act of 2009; H.R. 5462, Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010; H.R. 5986, Neglected Infections of Impoverished Americans Act of 2010; H.R. 6012, To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review uptake and utilization of diabetes screening benefits and establish an outreach program with respect to such benefits; H.R. 6081, Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010; H.R. 6110, Telehealth Improvement and Expansion Act of 2010; and H.R. 6109, Health Data Collection Improvement Act; 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 5828, Universal Service Reform Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Address Concerns Over the SEC's New Confidentiality Provision," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Fulfilling the Promise of Peace: Human Rights, Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and Bosnia, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Competition in the Evolving Digital Marketplace, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4339, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Fellowship Act; and H.R. 6015, To require the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce to publish certain economic data regarding territories and Freely Associated States, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1853, To clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Gragin Dam and Reservoir; H.R. 4036, National Liberty Memorial Act; H.R. 5965, Monongahela Conservation Legacy Act of 2010; and H.R. 6111, To amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

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10 a.m., Thursday, September 16

#### Senate Chamber

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